

REMARKS

In the final Office Action mailed on September 25, 2006 by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, the Examiner rejected claims 18-30. Claims 18 and 25 have been amended, and claims 1-17 were previously cancelled. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks. The following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the final Office Action mailed September 25, 2006 and also render all currently pending claims at issue patentably distinct over the references of record.

I. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC 102

Claims 18-30 are rejected under 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,691,006 to Sinex ("Sinex").

Claim 18 has been amended and now recites, *inter alia*, displaying a first layout comprising a checklist including a plurality of tasks, determining whether to display aircraft data related to a first task of the plurality of tasks, storing the first layout in a memory, if a determination is made to display the aircraft data related to the first task, displaying a second layout without user input comprising the checklist and the aircraft data related to the first task, if a determination is made to display the aircraft data related to the first task, the checklist displayed on the first section of the display and the aircraft data related to the first task displayed on a second section of the display, determining whether to display aircraft data related to a second task of the plurality of tasks, retrieving the stored first layout from the memory, if a determination is made not to display the aircraft data related to the second task, and displaying the stored first layout, if a determination is made not to display the aircraft data related to the second task, after displaying the second layout and without receiving a user input. Claim 25 has also been amended and now recites, *inter alia*, displaying a second layout comprising an available checklist, upon receipt of a first user input, the available checklist displayed on a first section of the display and including a plurality of tasks capable of receiving user input, determining whether to display aircraft data related to a first task of the plurality of tasks, storing the second layout in a memory, if a determination is made to display the aircraft data related to the first task, displaying a third layout without user input comprising the checklist and the aircraft data, if a determination is made to display the aircraft data related to the first task, the checklist displayed on the first section of the display

and the aircraft data related to the first task displayed on a second section of the display, determining whether to display aircraft data related to a second task of the plurality of tasks, retrieving the stored first layout from the memory, if a determination is made not to display the aircraft data related to the second task, and displaying one of the first and the second layouts, if a determination is made not to display the aircraft data related to the second task, after displaying the third layout and without receiving a second user input.

Sinex relates to a system for assigning maintenance tasks to crew members of a maintenance crew during a dynamically-planned maintenance check for an aircraft. See Abstract. However, nowhere does Sinex disclose storing the first layout in a memory, if a determination is made to display the aircraft data related to the first task, displaying a second layout without user input comprising the checklist and the aircraft data related to the first task, if a determination is made to display the aircraft data related to the first task, the checklist displayed on the first section of the display and the aircraft data related to the first task displayed on a second section of the display, determining whether to display aircraft data related to a second task of the plurality of tasks, retrieving the stored first layout from the memory, if a determination is made not to display the aircraft data related to the second task, and displaying the stored first layout if a determination is made not to display the aircraft data related to the second task, after displaying the second layout and without receiving a user input, as recited in claim 18. Moreover, Sinex does not teach determining whether to display aircraft data related to a first task of the plurality of tasks, storing the second layout in a memory, if a determination is made to display the aircraft data related to the first task, displaying a third layout without user input comprising the checklist and the aircraft data, if a determination is made to display the aircraft data related to the first task, the checklist displayed on the first section of the display and the aircraft data related to the first task displayed on a second section of the display, determining whether to display aircraft data related to a second task of the plurality of tasks, retrieving the stored first layout from the memory, if a determination is made not to display the aircraft data related to the second task, and displaying one of the first and the second layouts, if a determination is made not to display the aircraft data related to the second task, after displaying the third layout and without receiving a second user input, as recited in claim 25.

A claim can only be anticipated if each and every element recited in the claim is disclosed in a reference, either explicitly or impliedly. However, it is respectfully submitted that Sinex does not disclose each and every element of at least independent claims 18 and 25. Accordingly, as Sinex fails to disclose, either explicitly or inherently, at least the above-noted element of claims 18 and 25 and the Examiner has failed to provide such an explicit or inherent disclosure of this element, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of these claims and the claims that depend therefrom is improper and the Applicants request withdrawal of the § 102(e) rejection.

II. SUPPORT FOR CLAIM AMENDMENTS

As noted above, claims 18 and 25 have been amended. The claims are shown marked up with support for the amendments following in (parentheses):

Claim 18 A method for displaying a checklist on a display of an aircraft, the method comprising the steps of: displaying a first layout comprising the checklist, the checklist displayed on a first section of the display and including a plurality of tasks, at least one ~~one~~ [[first]] task (p. 10, ll. 20-21, p. 10, ll. 6-9, FIG. 5) capable of receiving user input;

determining whether to display aircraft data related to [[the]] a first task of the plurality of tasks (p. 10, ll. 9-14, FIG. 5);

storing the first layout in a memory, if a determination is made to display the aircraft data related to the first task (p. 11, ll. 15-19, FIG. 6);

displaying a second layout without user input comprising the checklist and the aircraft data related to the first task (p. 11, ll. 21-23, FIGs. 5 and 6), if a determination is made to display the aircraft data related to the first task, the checklist displayed on the first section of the display and the aircraft data related to the first task displayed on a second section of the display;

determining whether to display aircraft data related to a second task of the plurality of tasks (p. 10, ll. 24-25, FIG. 6);

retrieving the stored first layout from the memory, if a determination is made not to display the aircraft data related to the second task (p. 12, ll. 6-12, FIG. 7); and

displaying the stored first layout, if a determination is made not to display the aircraft data related to the second task, after displaying the second layout and without receiving a user input (p. 12, ll. 6-12, FIG. 7).

Claim 25 A method for displaying a main checklist on a display of an aircraft, the method comprising the steps of:

displaying a first layout comprising the main checklist, the main checklist displayed on a first section of the display and including a plurality of available checklists capable of receiving user input;

displaying a second layout comprising an available checklist, upon receipt of a first user input, the available checklist displayed on a first section of the display and including a plurality of tasks first task (p. 10, ll. 20-21, p. 10, ll. 6-9, FIG. 5) capable of receiving user input;

determining whether to display aircraft data related to [[the]] a first task of the plurality of tasks (p. 10, ll. 9-14, FIG. 5);

storing the second layout in a memory, if a determination is made to display the aircraft data related to the first task (p. 11, ll. 15-19, FIG. 6);

displaying a third layout without user input (p. 11, ll. 21-23, FIGs. 5 and 6) comprising the checklist and the aircraft data, if a determination is made to display the aircraft data related to the first task, the checklist displayed on the first section of the display and the aircraft data related to the first task displayed on a second section of the display;

determining whether to display aircraft data related to a second task of the plurality of tasks (p. 10, ll. 24-25, FIG. 6);

retrieving the stored first layout from the memory, if a determination is made not to display the aircraft data related to the second task (p. 12, ll. 6-12, FIG. 7); and

displaying one of the first and the second layouts, if a determination is made not to display the aircraft data related to the second task, after displaying the third layout and without receiving a second user input (p. 12, ll. 6-12, FIG. 7).

No new matter is introduced as a result of these claim amendments.

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III. CONCLUSION

Based on the above, independent Claims 18 and 25 are patentable over the citations of record. The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable for the reasons given above with respect to the independent claims and because each recite features which are patentable in its own right. Individual consideration of the dependent claims is respectfully solicited.

The other art of record is also not understood to disclose or suggest the inventive concept of the present invention as defined by the claims.

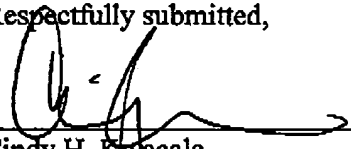
Hence, Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections and rejections set forth in the above-noted Office Action, and an early Notice of Allowance are requested.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the below-listed number.

If for some reason Applicants have not paid a sufficient fee for this response, please consider this as authorization to charge Ingrassia, Fisher & Lorenz, Deposit Account No. 50-2091 for any fee which may be due.

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